

Bryce Yokomizo Director

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TO:

Each Supervisor

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Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: CalWORKs/TANF TIME LIMITS

This is to provide you with an update on the impact of CalWORKs time limits in Los Angeles County. Last month, I informed you that a total of 2,079 participants reached their 60-month time limit in January 2003. In February, another 2,379 individuals timed off CalWORKs. Given that the early numbers were less than we had earlier projected, I informed you that we were reevaluating our time limit projections for the balance of FY 02-03 and would follow up with you this month.

As part of reevaluating our projections for future months, we conducted case reviews to ensure individuals were being correctly timed off or exempted, as appropriate. In that review, we identified individuals we were still aiding that should have been computer programmed off due to time limits.

We made the necessary programming changes and have identified an additional 5,457 persons that should have timed off in January (4,960) and February (515). These individuals, in addition to the 1,750 individuals actually scheduled to time off in March, will time off at the same time, resulting in a total of 7,225 persons impacted by time limits in March. As the persons who should have timed off in January and February were overpaid in January and February, grant adjustments (or collections) for their January and February overpayments will begin in March.

We continue to review time limit cases to identify any other programming changes that may be needed. Therefore, I will update you again next month with information on those findings and our progress in developing projections for the balance of FY 02-03 and FY 03-04.

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c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors Chief Administrative Officer Auditor-Controller County Counsel